

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the specification:

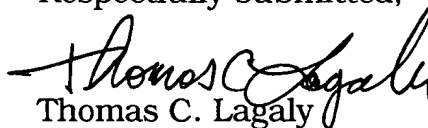
Paragraph beginning at page 12, line 4 has been amended as follows:

A severing and sealing mechanism 44 may also be provided to form transverse bottom and top seals 46 and 48, respectively, preferably by the application of sufficient heat and pressure to cause the films to fuse together across the entire width of the film webs. In a process that is also well described in the above-incorporated patents, transverse bottom seal 46 is first formed then, as the film webs 14, 16 are advanced by nip rollers 20a, b (and also longitudinal seals 42a, b formed thereby), dispenser 24 dispenses fluid product 40 into the partially-formed container ~~16~~ 22 as the container is being formed. When a sufficient, predetermined amount of fluid product 40 has been added to the container and a sufficient amount (length) of the film webs 14, 16 have been withdrawn from storage rollers 18a, b to achieve a desired longitudinal length for container 16, severing and sealing mechanism 44 forms top transverse seal 48 (FIG. 2) to thereby seal the container closed and complete the partially-formed container 16, which becomes a completed flexible container 50, with fluid product 40 enclosed therein.

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